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2. After enrollment in "Ceta Kroshih Slovencev" (Carinthian-Slovenian Regiment) the applicants were given two days' rest for recuperation in Maribor during which time UDB agents observed them; as a result of thoughtless utterances, 30 applicants were removed to forced labor in the South Serbian mines.
3. Training included ideology, economic problems, and "popular democratic propaganda". Headmaster was Damjan Brvan, a Yugoslav captain, and instruction was offered by Dr. Ludwig Primožic, a Ljubljana solicitor; Johan Patonzel, a Yugoslav commissar; Dr. Johann Trinovsek, lawyer; and Serajnik, a village school teacher and South Carinthian autonomist.
4. No military training was given, as all were experienced fighters. Execution of the plan by diplomatic action was urged, with the unhesitating use of force if necessary. The plan of operation included sabotage of mills, destruction of communication lines, and armed revolt against occupation troops and government authorities. A map of the claimed area included considerably more than Tito's envoys had demanded in London treaty talks; realization of the claim would mean the loss to Austria of its vital Villach-Arnoldstein-Tarvis rail connection. The claim may well have been waived by now; the younger generation does not even understand Slovene.
5. Many of the repatriated agents (107 completed the course) declared that they joined the Communist plan in ignorance of its real purpose and only to better their frightful living conditions, and that they refused to work for it.
6. Simultaneous ANTIFA schools were conducted in Maribor and Ljubljana, for Croats and Slovenes from Burgenland with the aim of solving the "Burgenland problem".

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